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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/12 AND ENDING 12/31/12  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:  
**Kershner Securities, LLC**

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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

FIRM ID. NO.

1825B Kramer Lane, Suite 200

(No. and Street)

Austin

TX

78759

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Andrew Kershner, 512-306-1192

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

PMB Helin Donovan, LLP

(Name if individual, state last, first, middle name)

5918 West Courtyard Drive, Ste 500

Austin

Texas

78730

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant  
☐ Public Accountant  
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Brian Kruger, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of

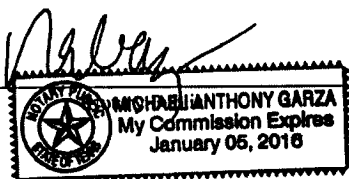
Kershner Securities, LLC, as of

December 31, 2012, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

The sole customer of Kershner Securities, LLC is Kershner Trading Americas, LLC, which is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC.

Brian M. Kruger  
Signature

Chief Compliance Officer, FINOP  
Title



This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☒ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).**



**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**

**Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule**  
**December 31, 2012**

**(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)**

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**  
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December 31, 2012

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Member of Kershner Securities, LLC:

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Kershner Securities, LLC (the "Company"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC, as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of operations, changes in member's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that are filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Kershner Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



***Other Matter***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The information contained in Schedule I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information in Schedule I has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information in Schedule I is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**PMB Helin Donovan, LLP**

*PMB Helin Donovan, LLP*

Austin, Texas  
February 26, 2013

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**  
Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2012

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 134,396
Receivable from clearing organization	<u>1,262,448</u>

<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,396,844</u></b>
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**Liabilities and member's equity**

Accounts payable	\$ 33,013
Other accrued expenses	239,440
Payable to related entities, net	<u>126,521</u>
Total liabilities	<u>398,974</u>

<b>Member's equity</b>	<b><u>997,870</u></b>
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<b>Total liabilities and member's equity</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,396,844</u></b>
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See notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report.

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**  
Statement of Operations  
Year Ended December 31, 2012

<b>Revenue</b>	
Commission income	\$ 5,104,012
Interest and dividend income	3,909
<b>Total revenue</b>	<u>5,107,921</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Salaries and other employment costs	193,547
Commissions and clearing fees	2,587,845
Communications	40,355
Occupancy and equipment costs	63,480
Regulatory fees and expenses	20,688
Other expenses	61,780
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>2,967,695</u>
<b>Income before income tax expense</b>	2,140,226
Income tax	<u>49,544</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,090,682</u></u>

See notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report.



**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**  
**Statement of Changes in Member's Equity**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2012**

Balance at December 31, 2011	\$	1,260,559
Capital distributions		(2,372,514)
Capital contributions		19,143
Net income		<u>2,090,682</u>
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$	<u><u>997,870</u></u>

See notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report.

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Year Ended December 31, 2012

**Cash flows from operating activities:**

Net income	\$ 2,090,682
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Receivable from clearing organization	346,575
Accounts payable	(11,929)
Other accrued expenses	128,908
Payable to related entities, net	<u>(182,445)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,371,791</u>

**Cash flows from investing activities:**

Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-</u>
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**Cash flows from financing activities:**

Capital distributions	(2,372,514)
Capital contributions	<u>19,143</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(2,353,371)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	18,420
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>115,976</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 134,396</u></u>

**Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:**

Cash paid during the year for:	
Interest	\$ <u>31,839</u>
Income taxes	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

See notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report.

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2012

**Note 1 - Nature of Business**

Kershner Securities, LLC (the "Company"), was organized as a Delaware Limited Liability Company on February 22, 2008. The Company is a broker-dealer in securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company's sole member is Kershner Trading Group, LLC, ("KTG", the "Parent", or the "Member").

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph K(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the SEC, and accordingly is exempt from the remaining provisions of that Rule. The Company does not hold customer funds or securities, but as an introducing broker or dealer, will clear all transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis through a clearing broker/dealer, Goldman Sachs Execution & Clearing, L.P. The clearing broker/dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by a clearing broker/dealer. Under these exempt provisions, the Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to the Possession and Control Requirements are not required.

Substantially all of the Company's revenues are derived from commission income from a related entity.

**Note 2 - Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At December 31, 2012, the Parent had cash and cash equivalents, and liquid receivables from its clearing organization, of approximately \$2.4 million on a consolidated basis. Management expects KTG to have sufficient cash and cash equivalents to fund its operating and capital needs for the next twelve months following December 31, 2012. Management expects KTG's anticipated trading margin during fiscal year 2013 will be sufficient to cover its operating expenses. Historically, the Parent has relied upon management's ability to periodically arrange for additional equity or debt financing to meet the Parent's liquidity requirements.

In 2010, KTG entered into an arrangement for additional working capital in the form of a \$1.5 million revolving line of credit with an individual, which matures in May 2013, with the option of extensions in twelve month increments. In the event additional cash is required to support operations, the Andrew S. Kershner Trust, KTG's majority owner, has also committed to fund KTG. KTG's management believes that it can operate within its business plan over the next twelve months, expects to be successful in maintaining sufficient working capital and will manage operations commensurate with its level of working capital.

**Note 3 - Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses when incurred.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
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Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2012  
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Cash Equivalents

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than ninety days that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

Securities Transactions

Purchases and sales of securities, and commission revenue and expense, are recorded on a trade date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Financial Instruments and Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk include cash and cash equivalents and receivables from clearing broker-dealers. The Company did not have cash balances in excess of federally insured limits as of December 31, 2012. Receivables from clearing broker-dealers represent cash deposited and commissions receivable from these broker-dealers, \$500,000 of which are insured from theft by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

Income Taxes

The Company will be taxed at the member level rather than at the corporate level for federal income tax purposes. The Company is liable for a pro rata allocation of the Texas margin tax, which is filed with the Parent. The Company has recorded \$49,544 of Texas margin tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Date of Management's Review

Management has evaluated the financial statements for subsequent events through the issuance date, February 26, 2013.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, receivable from clearing organization, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximated fair market value at December 31, 2012 due to their relatively short maturities and prevailing market terms.

**Note 4 - Member's Equity**

The Company has one class of membership interest and the sole member of the Company is Kershner Trading Group, LLC.

The Member makes capital contributions to the Company as it may determine from time to time. No interest accrues on such contributions and the Member does not have the right to withdraw, or be repaid on its contributions, except as provided in the LLC Agreement.

Capital account withdrawals and distributions are made in accordance with the LLC Agreement. Capital distributions to its Member can be made under a capital distribution policy approved by the Member.

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
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Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2012  
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**Note 5 - Net Capital Requirements**

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2012, the Company had net capital of \$984,870 and net capital requirements of \$100,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.41 to 1. The Securities and Exchange Commission permits a ratio of no greater than 15 to 1.

**Note 6 - Related Party Transactions**

The Company has an Expense Sharing Agreement ("Sharing Agreement") with its Parent. The Sharing Agreement provides for the pro rata sharing of office space, office equipment and the expenses of certain administrative and other personnel and ancillary services. The parties have agreed to share the fees and costs as follows: (a) premises and property are allocated based on the square footage occupied by each party; (b) personnel-related expenses are shared in proportion to the allocation of time spent with each entity by such personnel; and (c) certain outside services are shared in proportion to use or incurrence of the same by each party. The Parent invoices the Company for those expenses on a monthly basis. The Company incurred \$370,754 of expense under this agreement for the year ended December 31, 2012, of which \$634,665 was payable at December 31, 2012.

The Company entered into a Technology Services Agreement ("Technology Agreement") to outsource all of its technology needs to Kershner Technology and Innovation, which is wholly owned by the Parent. The Technology Agreement provides for a monthly fixed fee of \$1,000 and \$36,000 was payable at December 31, 2012.

The Company executed an agreement to provide electronic trading services to Kershner Trading Americas ("Americas"), which is wholly owned by the Parent. The trading service provides Americas with the right to use the software, equipment, telecommunications and connectivity resources of the Company to execute trades. In exchange for this service the Company charges monthly execution and clearance fees on a per share basis which are invoiced at month end. The Company earned \$2,212,573 under this agreement for the year ended December 31, 2012, of which \$544,144 was receivable at December 31, 2012. Additionally, the Company earned \$2,891,439 in commission income from the clearing broker during 2012 as a direct result of trading activity performed by Americas.

Payable from related entities, net consisted of the following at December 31, 2012:

Payable to Kershner Trading Group	\$ (634,665)
Payable to Kershner Technology and Innovation	(36,000)
Receivable from Kershner Trading Americas	544,144
	<u>\$ (126,521)</u>

**Note 7 - Employee Benefit Plans**

The Parent sponsors a 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") for the benefit of all eligible employees of the Company. To be eligible, the employees must have reached the age of 21. Participants may elect to defer up to the maximum allowable amount by law to the Plan. The Parent did not make any contributions to the Plan in 2012.

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
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Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2012  
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**Note 8 - Commitment and Contingencies**

Included in the Company's clearing agreement with its clearing broker-dealer is an indemnification clause. This clause relates to instances where the Company's customers fail to settle security transactions. In the event this occurs, the Company will indemnify the clearing broker-dealer to the extent of the net loss on any unsettled trades. At December 31, 2012, management of the Company had not been notified by the clearing broker-dealer, nor were they otherwise aware, of any potential losses relating to this indemnification.

The Company is required to have an account at the clearing broker that shall at all times contain cash, securities, or a combination of both, having a market value of \$1,000,000 reflecting the combined total of the Minimum Equity Requirement of \$800,000 and the Clearing Deposit of \$200,000. These amounts are included with receivables from clearing organizations on the statement of financial condition.

**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Kershner Trading Group, LLC)**  
Computation of Net Capital and Aggregate Indebtedness Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1  
of the Securities and Exchange Commission  
As of December 31, 2012

**SCHEDULE I**

Net capital:	
Total member's equity	\$ 997,870
Less:	
Other deductions or allowable credits:	<u>-</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	997,870
Haircuts on securities positions	<u>(13,000)</u>
Net capital	\$ <u>984,870</u>
Aggregate indebtedness:	
Total liabilities	\$ <u>398,974</u>
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$ <u>398,974</u>
Minimum net capital requirement (greater of 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$100,000)	\$ <u>100,000</u>
Net capital in excess of minimum requirement	\$ <u>884,870</u>
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>0.41 to 1</u>

Note: The above computation does not differ from the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 as of December 31, 2012 as filed by Kershner Securities, LLC on Amended Form X-17A-5. Accordingly, no reconciliation is deemed necessary.

See notes to financial statements and independent auditors' report.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

To the Member of Kershner Securities, LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Kershner Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13, or
2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's previously mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.



A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Company's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2012, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the member, management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**PMB Helin Donovan, LLP**

*PMB Helin Donovan, LLP*

Austin, Texas  
February 26, 2013

**Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding Form SIPC-7**

To the Member of Kershner Securities, LLC

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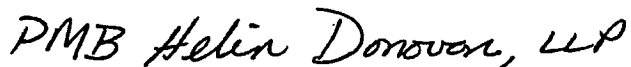
In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments [General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7)] to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") for the year ended December 31, 2012, which were agreed to by Kershner Securities, LLC and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating Kershner Securities LLC's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). Kershner Securities LLC's management is responsible for Kershner Securities LLC's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our finding are as follows:

1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement record entries, noting no differences;
2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2012, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2012, noting no differences;
3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers, noting no differences; and
4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments, noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**PMB Helin Donovan, LLP**



February 26, 2013

**SIPC-7**

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**SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION**

P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185

202-371-8300

**General Assessment Reconciliation**For the fiscal year ended **12/31/2012**

(Read carefully the instructions on your Working Copy before completing this Form)

**SIPC-7**

(33-REV 7/10)

**TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS**

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act registration no. and month in which fiscal year ends for purposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:

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 AUSTIN TX 78758-4281

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Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.

2. A. General Assessment (item 2e from page 2)

\$ 10,449

B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude interest)

(5,042)7/24/12

Date Paid

C. Less prior overpayment applied

(0)

D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment)

5,407

E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) for \_\_\_\_\_ days at 20% per annum

0

F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried forward)

\$ 5,407

G. PAID WITH THIS FORM:

Check enclosed, payable to SIPC

Total (must be same as F above)

\$ 5,407

H. Overpayment carried forward

\$(0)

3. Subsidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in this form (give name and 1934 Act registration number):

The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.

Kershner Securities, LLC

(Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)

Brian M. Ryan

(Authorized Signature)

Dated the 29 day of January, 20 13CCO, FINOP

(Title)

This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Retain the Working Copy of this form for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily accessible place.

**SIPC REVIEWER**

Dates:

Postmarked \_\_\_\_\_

Received \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_

Calculations \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation \_\_\_\_\_

Forward Copy \_\_\_\_\_

Exceptions:

Disposition of exceptions:

# DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Amounts for the fiscal period  
beginning 1/1/2012  
and ending 12/31/2012

Item No.

2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)

Eliminate cents  
\$ 5,104,012

2b. Additions:

- (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.
- (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.
- (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.
- (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.
- (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.
- (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities.
- (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.

Total additions

2c. Deductions:

- (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products.
- (2) Revenues from commodity transactions.
- (3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions.
- (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.
- (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.
- (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date.
- (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act).
- (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business.  
(See Instruction C):

(Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation)

- (9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income.

\$ 31,839

- (ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960).

\$ 0

Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)

Total deductions

2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues

2e. General Assessment @ .0025

31,839  
924,504  
4,179,508  
10,449  
(to page 1, line 2.A.)

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February 26, 2013

To the Member of Kershner Securities, LLC

We have audited the financial statements of Kershner Securities, LLC for the year ended December 31, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 26, 2013. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 24, 2013. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

**Significant Audit Findings***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Kershner Securities, LLC are described in Note 3 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2012. We noted no transactions entered into by the Company during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- The disclosure of the liquidity and capital resources of the Company in Note 2 to the financial statements.
- The disclosure of the minimum equity requirement and minimum clearing deposit required by the clearing broker in Note 5 to the financial statements.
- The disclosure of the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission in the first supplemental schedule to the financial statements.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Corrected misstatements are attached as an appendix to this letter.

*Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated February 26, 2013.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Company’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Limited Assessment of Internal Control*

We considered the Company’s internal control over financial reporting (“internal control”) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control. Accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Company’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.



This information is intended solely for the use of the Member and management of Kershner Securities, LLC and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*PMB Helin Donovan, LLP*

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**KERSHNER SECURITIES, LLC**  
**SCHEDULE OF ADJUSTMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2012**

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
<b>Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1</b>			
To increase franchise tax expense for 2012 to estimated amount, and to relieve the corresponding amount that was accrued for as of December 31, 2011.			
6976-000-00-00	Franchise Tax	19,991.00	
3800-000-00-00	Undistributed Earnings		19,143.00
6976-720-00-00	Franchise Tax		848.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>19,991.00</b>	<b>19,991.00</b>